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IN RE APPLICATION OF

TAKUMI AKATSUKA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: TO BE ASSIGNED

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR:

MEASURING SHAPE OF TUBULAR

BODY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.